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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of  
Xavier FORCEVILLE et al.  
Serial No. (unknown)

Filed herewith

USE OF SELENIUM FOR TREATING  
PATIENTS SUFFERING FROM SYSTEMIC  
INFLAMMATORY SYNDROME (SIRS),  
AND COMPOSITION FOR  
IMPLEMENTING THE TREATMENT

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action and calculation of the filing fee, please substitute Claims 1-22 as originally filed, with Claims 1-22 as filed in the Article 34 amendment of September 21, 2000. The pages containing Claims 1-22 are marked "AMENDED SHEET" and are attached hereto. Following the insertion of Claims 1-22, please amend these claims as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claim 3, line 1, change "one of claims 1 or 2," to  
--claim 1,--.

Claim 4, line 1, change "one of claims 1 or 2," to  
--claim 1,--.

Claim 5, line 1, change "any one of the preceding  
claims," to --claim 1,--.

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